



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RECEIVED  
DEC 12 2001  
TECH CENTER 1600/2900

In re application of

Hiroaki TAKAYAMA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/214,155

Group Art Unit: 1616

Confirmation No.: Unknown

Examiner: Sabiha N. Qazi

Filed: December 29, 1999

For: VITAMIN D3 DERIVATIVE AND ITS PRODUCTION METHOD

#21  
A. Karna  
12/18/01

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

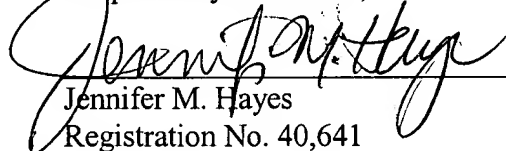
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three month(s), extending the time for responding to the Final Office Action dated June 12, 2001 to December 12, 2001.

Previously a petition and fee for extension of time was submitted on September 6, 2001, for an extension of two months (\$400.00). Therefore, a check for the remainder of the statutory fee for the third month extension of \$520.00 is attached. Please charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jennifer M. Hayes  
Registration No. 40,641

SUGHRUE MION, PLLC  
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037-3213  
Telephone: (202) 293-7060  
Facsimile: (202) 293-7860  
Date: December 10, 2001

12/11/2001 JADD01 00000059 09214155

02 FC:117

520.00 0P